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FOR SECRETARY RICHARDSON FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: OVIP-MOROCCO STOP: SECRETARY OF COMMERCE RICHARDSON

REF: MCCAULEY/TIMMINS TELECON

1. DELIGHTED TO LEARN YOU WILL BE ABLE TO VISIT THIS FASCINATING COUNTRY DURING YOUR FORTHCOMING TRIP. I HAVE BEEN CONSTANTLY IMPRESSED SINCE MY ARRIVAL BY INTEREST AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS IN EXPANDED COMMERCIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH US. A GOOD START HAS BEEN MADE TOWARDS INCREASING US SALES, GAINING ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS, AND PROMOTING MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL INVESTMENT, BUT MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE. YOUR VISIT COULD MAKE A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS CONVINCING MOROCCANS THAT WE TAKE THEIR PLANS FOR INCREASED AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR MIXED ECONOMY SERIOUSLY. I HOPE YOU AND MRS. RICHARDSON WILL PLAN TO STAY WITH US WHEN YOU ARE IN RABAT. BASED ON CONVERSATION OF MY ECONOMIC COUNSELOR WITH YOUR STAFF, I SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR BRIEF STAY.

2. -- ARRIVE MARRAKECH DIRECTLY FROM BELGRADE ETA NOON  
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28 (AIRPORT WILL HANDLE BOEING

707). AS CAPITAL OF HIGH ATLAS REGION, MARRAKECH  
WILL PROVIDE IMPRESSIVE FIRST STOP ON YOUR VISIT  
HERE. AFTERNOON WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR VISIT TO  
ANCIENT FORTIFICATIONS, MUSEUMS, FAMED GARDENS OF  
AGDAL, TOWN WALLS, AND PALM GROVES. SHOPPING IN  
SOUK.

-- EVENING, TOUR OF TOWN SQUARE, PLACE FNAA BY NIGHT  
(AFRICAN DANCERS, MAGICIANS, MONKEY ACTS, STORY-  
TELLERS, ETC., PLUS FLOODLIGHT VIEW OF TOWN WALLS  
AND FAMOUS KOUTOUBIA TOUR (TWIN OF GIRALDA TOUR OF  
SEVILLE CATHEDRAL IN SPAIN). DINNER AT ONE OF  
MARRAKECH'S EXCELLENT MOROCCAN RESTAURANTS. OVER-  
NIGHT AT HOTEL MAMOUNIA (A "MUST" ON ANY MOROCCO  
VISIT).

-- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29. EARLY MORNING, POSSIBILITY  
OF MORE SHOPPING (BOUTIQUES IN NEW SECTION OF  
TOWN OPEN AT 9:00 AM) PLUS ADDITIONAL SIGHTSEEING.  
DEPART MID- TO LATE-MORNING BY YOUR PLANE FOR  
RABAT (AIRPORT CAN HANDLE BOEING 707).

-- OFFICIAL LUNCH WITH GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS  
LEADERS.

-- AFTERNOON - RESERVED FOR COURTESY CALLS ON  
MINISTERS OF COMMERCE, FINANCE, AND GOVERNOR OF  
CENTRAL BANK. RE POSSIBILITY OF ROYAL AUDIENCE,  
KING HASSAN WILL BE IN FRANCE ON OFFICIAL STATE  
VISIT WEEK BEFORE YOUR ARRIVAL AND I HAVE HEARD  
THAT HE INTENDS TO STAY ON A FEW DAYS FOR A PRIVATE  
VISIT.

-- EVENING - DINNER AT RESIDENCE, RETURNING HOSPITALITY  
FOR LUNCHEON.

-- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30. SIGHTSEEING RABAT: ROYAL  
PALACE, CASBAH AND FOLK MUSEUMS, CHELLAH FORTRESS  
(BUILT BY PHOENICIANS AND OCCUPIED SUCCESSIVELY  
BY ROMAN AND MERINID SULTANS). ALTERNATIVE: QUICK  
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SIDE TRIP TO FES, CULTURAL CENTER OF KINGDOM,  
USING TWIN-ENGINE FIVE-PASSENGER AIR TAXI.  
APPROXIMATELY FLYING TIME: 45 MINUTES, APPROX.  
COST \$90 ONE WAY).

-- DEPART FOR LISBON NOON TO EARLY AFTERNOON.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR EARLY REACTION TO ABOVE SUGGESTIONS

SO WE CAN APPROACH GOM FORMALLY AND BEGIN MAKING HOTEL AND  
OTHER ARRANGEMENTS.  
ANDERSON

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